

Amendments to the Specification

[00102] The device 1 of the present invention comprises a separable base 92, from which the housing 10 can be removed at any time, particularly and advantageously after completion of the injection. The separable base 92 is typically configured for separable securement to the base 12 of the housing by a base securement means, and typically provides the skin-contacting surface of the device 1. A base separating separation means provides selective separation of the separable base 92 from the device. Figs. 2, 27 and 28 illustrate an embodiment of a separable base 92, as embodied in a separable attachment assembly 93 that removably associates with the base 12 of the housing 10.

[00104] The base separating separation means for separating the separable base 92 from the permanent housing base 12 can comprise a mechanically-biased member associated with the housing 10 that is configured for manipulation that forces to disengage the base securement means, specifically in the illustrated embodiment by moving the catch 89 out of engagement with the latch 96. In Figure 27, after the needle 40 and carriage 70 have been retracted, the person can depress the release button 81 even further, thereby causing a toe 87 on a release arm 80 to pivot into engagement with the release finger 88, and to bias the catch 89 out of engagement with latch 96. With the catch 89 disengaged from latch 96, and with the needle 40 fully retracted, the housing can be safely and easily separated from the separable base 92 for post-injection inspection, and for disposal.

[00123] In an alternative embodiment, the base securing means and the base separating means can comprise other mechanical securements, an adhesive securement, and a magnetic securement of the separable base ~~[[bas]]~~ to the housing of the device. The other mechanical securements could include a mechanical "hook-and-loop" device that can include Velcro®, a hasp, a frangible joint, and a threaded joint~~joint~~). The magnetic securement can comprise a first magnetic member proximate the upwardly-facing surface of the separable base; and a second magnetic member proximate to the base portion and inside of the housing; wherein first magnet member and the second magnetic member have a magnetic attraction that secures the removable base to the housing, and wherein the removable base can be manually separated from the base

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portion of the housing by a manually-applied force that overcomes the force of the magnetic attraction.